

MARK TWAIN'S BOW

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BURNING OF SHIP HORNET

Survivors Sailed 4000 Miles to Honolulu—Had a Fearful Experience.
Local History.

Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) tells in twelve pages of the Century Magazine for November how he made his debut as a literary person and the story might as well have been dated Honolulu.

The first high-class work done by Mark Twain, so he says, had its publication in New York. "My article was about the burning of the clipper-ship Hornet on the line, May 3, 1866. There were thirty-one men on board at the time, and I was in Honolulu when the fifteen lean and ghostly survivors arrived there after a voyage of forty-three days in an open boat, through the blazing tropics, on ten days' rations of food. A very remarkable trip; but it was conducted by a captain who was a remarkable man; otherwise there would have been no survivors. He was a New-Englander of the best sea-going stock of the old capote times—Captain Josiah Mitchell.

"I had been in the islands several months when the survivors arrived. I was laid up in my room at the time, and unable to walk. Here was a great occasion to serve my journal, and I not able to take advantage of it. Necessarily I was in deep trouble. But by good luck his Excellency Anson Burlingame was there at the time, on his way to take up his post in China, where he did such good work for the United States. He came and put me on a stretcher and had me carried to the hospital where the shipwrecked men were, and I never needed to ask a question. He attended to all of that himself, and I had nothing to do but make the notes. It was like him to take that trouble. He was a great man and a great American, and it was in his fine nature to come down from his high office and do a friendly turn whenever he could.

"We got through with this work at six in the evening. I took no dinner, for there was no time to spare. If I would beat the other correspondents, I spent four hours arranging the notes in their proper order, then wrote all night and beyond it, with this result: that I had a very long and detailed account of the Hornet episode ready at nine in the morning, while the correspondents of the San Francisco journals had nothing but a brief outline report—for they didn't sit up. The now-and-then schooner was to sail for San Francisco about nine; when I reached the dock she was free forward and was just casting off her stern-line. My fat envelope was thrown by a strong hand, and fell on board all right, and my victory was a safe thing. All in due time the ship reached San Francisco, but it was my complete report which made the stir, and was telegraphed to the New York papers, by Mr. Cash, who was in charge of the Pacific bureau of the New York Herald at the time.

"When I returned to California by and by, I went up to Sacramento and presented a bill for general correspondence at \$20 a week. It was paid. Then I presented a bill for 'special' service on the Hornet matter of three columns of solid nonpareil at \$100 a column. The cashier didn't faint, but he came rather near it. He sent for the proprietors, and they came and never uttered a protest. They only laughed in their jolly fashion, and said it was robbery, but no matter; it was a grand 'scoup' (the bill or my Hornet report, I didn't know which); 'pay it. It's all right.'

"The Hornet survivors reached the Sandwich Islands the 15th of June. They were mere skinny skeletons; their clothes hung limp about them and stinked them no better than a flag sits the flagstaff in a calm. But they were well nursed in the hospital; the people of Honolulu kept them supplied with all the dainties they could need; they gathered strength fast, and were presently nearly as good as new. Within a fortnight the most of them took ship for San Francisco; that is, if my dates have not gone astray in my memory. I went in the same ship, a sailing-vessel, Captain Mitchell of the Hornet was along; also the only passengers the Hornet had carried. These were two young gentlemen from Stamford, Connecticut—brothers: Samuel Ferguson, aged 28, a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, and Henry Ferguson, aged 18, a student of the same college, and now at this present writing a professor there, a post which he has held for many years."

[Two of the three boats from the Hornet were lost. Captain Mitchell sailed 4,000 miles to Honolulu. It is related how the Captain's boat, on landing in this group, was saved from wreck on the reef by two natives.]

"Within ten days after the landing all the men but one were up and creeping about. Properly, they ought to have killed themselves with the 'food' of the last few days—some of them, at any rate—men who had freighted their stomachs with strips of leather from old boots and with chips from the butter-rack; a freightage which they did not get rid of by digestion, but by other means. The captain and the two passengers did not eat strips and chips, as the sailors did, but scraped the boot-leather and the wood, and made a pulp of the scrapings by moistening them with water. The third mate told me that the boots were old, and full of holes; then added thoughtfully, 'but the holes digested the best.' "When the landing was made, all the men were successfully protected from operating except the 'Portygers'; he occupied the watch and ate an incredible number of bananas; a hundred and fifty-two, the third mate said, but this

was undoubtedly an exaggeration; I think it was a hundred and fifty-one. He was already nearly full of leather; it was hanging out of his ears. (I do not state this on the third mate's authority, for we have seen what sort of person he was; I state it on my own.) Twain considers the journals of the Ferguson the virgin gold of literature. The whole story of the Hornet, clipped from the Sacramento paper, is in one of the scrapbooks at the Volcano House.

A COCONUT ISLAND SQUATTER

One of the most interesting documents to come before the meeting of the Cabinet here today will be the Hawaii letter from Sheriff Andrews. This official has sent a report on an attempt to establish squatter sovereignty on Coconut Island, a charming public pleasure ground at Hilo Bay. C. D. Pringle claimed to have ascertained that the place had never been set aside as a reservation, and that it was open to settlement. Pringle landed lumber on the island, but the sheriff interfered to prevent the carrying on of building operations. Mr. Andrews sends this word and asks for advice. The Attorney General will be requested to furnish an opinion and will do so promptly.

Mr. Pringle is a merchant of Hilo. He was at one time a school teacher on the island of Kauai.

A HOUSE BURNED

A Residence on Kinau Street Destroyed

Nothing at All Saved—The Insurance—Work of Fire Department. Other Buildings in Danger.

(From Monday's Daily)

Hiram Kolomoku's home on Kinau street, between Pihikoi and Keaumoku, was completely destroyed by fire at about 3:30 yesterday morning, together with all its furniture and personal effects. The outbreak was sudden and the rapidity with which the fire spread to the entire structure made it impossible to save a single article.

At about 3:15 in the morning a patrolman from near Punahou street observed a small flame with little smoke issuing from one corner of the building and putting his horse on a run, arrived upon the scene and immediately telephoned for the fire department. Efforts were in the meantime made, by the hastily aroused neighbors to check the flames but without success, for in an incredibly short space of time the building was alight from end to end.

Engine No. 4 from the Plains station was first upon the scene, and was quickly got to work with a line of hose from Beretania street and did about forty-five minutes hard work.

The building was insured for \$1700 and its contents for another \$300 with J. S. Walker's agency. It is a matter for much congratulation that but little wind was blowing at the time, or a serious conflagration might have resulted; as it was, one of the outhouses on the premises of H. E. Wally caught fire but the flames were drenched out before serious damage was done. The neighbors were kept busy with garden hose and buckets, putting an end to the danger from sparks which lighted upon the dry shingle roofs of their dwellings.

The Pake and Jap denizens of the lodging shacks in the rear of the destroyed building, seemed to number hundreds and devoted most of their time to yelling and collecting their personal effects for a sudden removal.

The cause of the fire, so far as can be learned, is unknown, but the fact of some paint having been stored under the house may have had something to do with it, is not in the outbreak, then most certainly in the rapid spread of the flames.

The Lumber Supply.

The mills of Pope & Talbot at Port Gamble and Port Ludlow have furnished most of the Nor-west lumber for these islands during the past twenty years. This firm cuts annually over 100,000,000 feet of lumber, laths, etc., besides other products, such as poles, poles and spars. Three-fourths of this product goes foreign, to Siberia, China, and Japan, Philippines, Hawaii, South America, South Africa and Europe. The fleet of vessels owned by, or in which the firm is interested, consists of the Palmyra, Fresno, Carondelet, Spokane, Okanogan, Skagit, Kiliklat, A. M. Campbell, Bangor, Coloma, Ethel Zane, Eric, Endeavor, Eclipse, Honolulu, Inca, J. M. Colman, Jas. Nesmith, John Ema, John D. Tallant, J. A. Campbell, Jane L. Stanford, Nokomis, Salvator, Snow & Burgess, W. H. Macy, W. H. Talbot and the steamers Brunswick, National City, Sunol and others.

The Hilo Herald is authority for the statement that Mr. A. H. Loebenstein may not go to Washington at all and that if he does journey there as representative of the big island it will not be till well into January of next year.

GO BACK TO WORK

Maui Galicians Take One of Their Racial Vacations.

THEY HAD BEEN READING LEVY

A Horseman Loses His Life at Kahului—Geo. Randolph the Victim—Trial of a Spaniard

(Special Correspondence Advertiser.)

MAUI, Nov. 11.—A shocking accident occurred at Kahului during Saturday night, the 11th instant. George Randolph, one of the head overseers of Spreckelsville plantation, while on his way home was thrown from his horse at the Custom-house corner, was picked up in an insensible condition and conveyed to Spreckelsville. He died there on Sunday morning without recovering consciousness. In falling from his horse he must have struck on his head, for his skull was badly fractured. Mr. Randolph was 38 years of age and has been known as one of the best of Spreckelsville luns for some years past. He was soon to have been married. Rev. W. Ault of Lahaina conducted the funeral ceremony at Wailuku during the 5th. Randolph was well known in Honolulu by the name of "Paddy Ryan." He was a native of Ohio.

During the 7th seven Galician laborers of Pala plantation were tried and convicted by the Makawao District Court for refusing to labor. One was fined \$5 and costs and the remaining six the costs of court and all were ordered back to work. At first they were inclined to rebel and remain in durance vile, as did their countrymen in Honolulu, but finally better judgment prevailed and they returned to the plantation. The reason they gave for their rebellion was that their contracts were ended. They had been reading Rabbi Levy in a Coast paper and they were of the opinion that President McKinley had abolished contracts, etc.

The eleven Galicians at Hamakua-poko were away from work on Saturday, the 4th, but went back to work on Monday, the 6th, without any intervention of the law.

During the 10th Manuel Charlis, the Pala Spaniard who wounded Mr. Engle with a hoe, was tried at Makawao. The trial progressed slowly owing to the many witnesses examined and did not end until 5:30 p. m. The Magistrate reserved his decision until Tuesday, the 14th. Sheriff L. M. Baldwin prosecuted the case.

The list of jurors for the next term of court at Lahaina has been drawn. The calendar promises to be unusually large inasmuch as it already numbers sixty-nine cases.

During the afternoon of the 9th the second birthday of Bertram S. Aiken was celebrated by a children's party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Aiken, of Hamakua-poko. The little ones, adorned with green and white leis, were first photographed in a group and then by two marched through the rooms to the music of the piano. The dainty birthday spread was served on a long, low kindergarten table, at which the children sat in diminutive chairs. The darkened dining-room was lighted by two long rows of candles in holders made gay with different colors of crepe paper. Sixteen children will remember the occasion with pleasure.

The November meeting of the Makawao Literary Society will take place at the residence of H. P. Baldwin, Hailku. A "Thanksgiving" program is to be presented and there is to be a sale of candy and fancy articles by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Monday afternoon, the 6th, sixteen teachers held a meeting in the Makawao Government schoolhouse. Miss Nellie Smith discussed Colonel Parker's views on examinations and C. W. Baldwin gave an interesting talk on "Solls."

Monday, December 4, the annual convention of Maui teachers will take place in the Hamakua-poko schoolhouse, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. The day was changed from Friday (as has been customary in past years) to Monday, so that Hana teachers might attend.

J. W. Waldron is soon to leave Kahului. W. Chamberlain is to take his place as bookkeeper of the railroad company.

On the 10th a sailor of the bark C. B. Bryant, now discharging coal at Kae-napali, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Robert Lindsay for assault upon two of his shipmates. The latter appear badly battered up. The man arrested has the reputation of being a "fighting man." He will be tried by the Lahaina Magistrate on the 13th.

During last evening, the 10th, the Makawao Debating Society held their customary meeting in the parlors of the Pala Foreign Church—and debated the following question: "Resolved That the World Owe More to Navigation Than to Railroads." Messrs. W. S. Nicoll and David Fleming led the affirmative side and Messrs. R. E. Engle and F. E. Atwater, the negative. The former won by a large majority when the vote of the audience was taken. The subject for the next discussion is: "Resolved, That Arbitration is the Best Mode for Settling International Disputes." Weather—Pleasant all the week.

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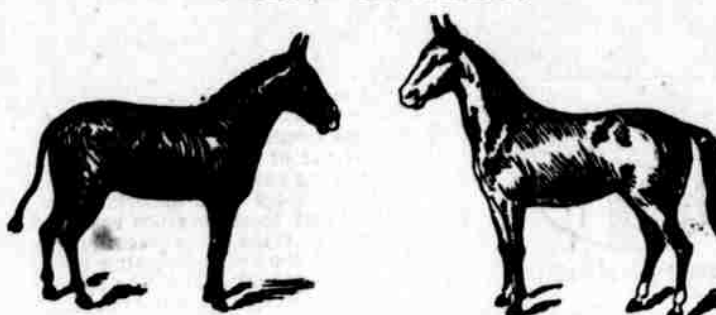
Perhaps there is no man better known in the city of Lawrence, Kansas, than Mr. G. H. Snyder. To a reporter Mr. Snyder related a wonderful story. He said: "I am now seventy years of age. About three years ago I experienced a coldness or numbness in the feet, then creeping up my legs until it reached my body. I grew very thin in flesh, my appetite was very poor and I did not relish my food. At last I became so bad I was unable to move about. I consulted several distinguished physicians, one telling me that I had locomotor ataxia, another that I had creeping paralysis. I took their medicines but they did me no good and I continued to grow worse."

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